

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/843,806	HACHIMURA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 45,46,49-51,54,55,58,61,62,66,72 and 75.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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Reason for Allowance

1. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The present invention is directed to linked with the plurality of communication apparatuses, said system comprising:

- a link establishing unit adapted to establish links between the control apparatus and the first and second communication apparatuses, respectively, in accordance with detection of an incoming call;
- a discrimination unit adapted to discriminate a response to the incoming call of the first communication apparatus after the links have been established by said link establishing unit;
- a link maintaining unit adapted to maintain the link between the control apparatus and the second communication apparatus even if said first communication apparatus responds to the incoming call;
- a detection unit adapted to detect that a predetermined time has passed and a cut unit adapted to cut the link between the control apparatus and the second communication apparatus maintained by said link maintaining unit in accordance with detection "by said detection unit.

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The closest prior art Bannister [WO 94/29992] discloses a method of call management services. Further Bannister discloses a method of establishing a link between the service/control node and communication apparatuses 403 and 404. Bannister further discloses a method of discriminating a response to the incoming call and maintain a link between the service node/control node and the second communication apparatus 404 even after the first communication apparatus 403 responds to the incoming call. See page 4, lines 9-17 and page 21, lines 6-35.

The Harlow [EP 549 126 A] reference discloses a method and apparatus for alerting multiple telephones for an incoming call. An incoming call alert is sent simultaneously to two communication devices and when one of the phone answers the call is connected to the phone that responded and ceases ringing to the other phones. See col. 2, line 24 – col. 3, line 50.

However the above references individually or in combination does not render the above underlined unique feature obvious. Therefore the claims 45, 50, 55, 58, 61, 66, 72, 75 and their dependent claims are allowed.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sujatha Sharma whose telephone number is 571-272-7886. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7.30am - 4.00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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